Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Agatha Chizek was born April 10, 1907, in Polkau, Germany, and immigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of 1½ years; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Agatha attended school in Detroit, Michigan, and transferred to the South Dakota School for the Deaf where she met her husband, Lester Chizek; and,

Whereas, Agatha and Lester were blessed with nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Agatha was active in the South Dakota Association for the Deaf and the Lutheran Church for the Deaf and is still a member of both; and,

Whereas, Agatha will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 10, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State